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Re: Docket #98N-1038, "Irradiation in the Production, Processing, and Handling of Food"

To whom it may concern:

The FDA should retain the current labeling law, the current terminology of "treated with radiation" or "treated by radiation," and the use of the radura symbol prominently displayed on all irradiated whole foods.

Any foods, or any foods containing ingredients that have been treated by irradiation, should be labeled with a written statement on the principal display panel indicating such treatment. The requirement for irradiation disclosure (both label and radura) should not expire at any time in the future.

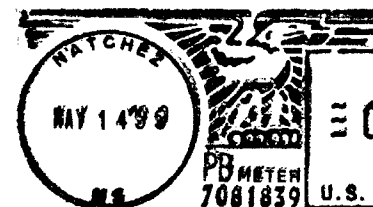
I am against the use of irradiation in the production, processing, and handling of food for many reasons including:

- (1) The difficulty in disposing of hazardous nuclear wastes and known danger to the environment.
- (2) Danger to workers around nuclear radiation.
- (3) Some of the unknown and little known health effects of irradiated meats, such as increases in carcinogenic chemicals.

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